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# University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, February 13, 1989

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**FACULTY SENATE**  
**February 13, 1989**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Comments from Vice President and Provost Martin.
2. The Chair announced the Regents Faculty Senate Officer's meeting has been postponed to March 3. Anyone interested in going should contact the Chair.
3. The Chair announced spaces available in the van for anyone interested in the symposium in Iowa City on March 31 and April 1.
4. The Chair announced materials for the Honorary Doctorate are available at the Archives in the Library for the Senators.
5. The need for interpretation of the Faculty Constitution's provision on voting faculty must be addressed. See Appendix A.
6. The Chair has a copy of the Iowa State University's self-study report.
7. Senator Quirk announced that the committee to study the role of part-time temporary faculty will have a report by the end of April.

**CALENDAR**

8. 472 report from the Educational Policies Commission on inclement weather policy. See Senate Minutes 1404. Amendment to calendar item 472. See Appendix B. Docketed in regular order. Docket 409.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

9. Instrument for the evaluation of President Curris. The Chair will distribute the forms to the voting faculty in April.
10. Myra Boots has been chosen as the delegate to the national conference on Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education.
11. The Chair will notify the Library and the Chairs of the College Senates of the need to nominate people to the Senate for the Self-study Steering Committee to prepare for the visit by North Central.

## DOCKET

12. 471 408 request from the School of Business to change the name of the School of Business to the College of Business Administration. Motion approved.

The Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Krogmann in the Board Room of Gilchrist Hall.

Present: David Crownfield, David Duncan, Reginald Green, Gerald Intemann, Marian Krogmann, Roger Keuter, John Longnecker, Ken McCormick, Gerald Peterson, Charles Quirk, Ron Roberts, Thomas Romanin, Nick Teig, William Waack, Marc Yoder.

Alternates: Andrea Bowman/Susann Doody, Marvin Jensen/Bill Henderson, Martha Reineke/Evelyn Wood.

Absent: Peter Goulet.

Members of the press were asked to identify themselves. Ryan White of the Northern Iowan and Anne Phillips of the Waterloo Courier were in attendance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vice President and Provost Martin rose to address the Senate.

Dr. Martin said that there was a possibility that President Curris would ask the Board of Regents in March to eliminate our enrollment cap; he had mentioned such a possibility in his "State of the Union" address to the faculty last fall. He said that there is a possibility that some moneys will be available to increase supplies and budgets.

2. The Chair announced the meeting for the Regents Faculty Senate Officers was postponed until March 3. Contact the Chair if you are interested in going.

3. The Chair announced a van would be going to Iowa City for the symposium on March 31 and April 1. Contact the Chair if you are interested in going.

4. The Chair announced materials have been placed in the Archives in the Library on a nominee for an Honorary Doctorate degree. The Senators may study the material anytime between 8-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The Senate will discuss the material in a closed session February 27.

5. The Chair said interpretation of the Faculty's Constitution provision on the voting faculty has become an issue. It is important in determining a quorum for University Faculty meetings and also representation on the Faculty Senate.



Senator Duncan said faculty on Phased Retirement should be counted.

Both the Chair of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Chair favor a written policy.

Crownfield/Yoder moved the Chair appoint a committee to recommend a written policy to the Senate.

Motion passed.

6. The Chair announced she had a copy of the Iowa State University Self-study. Anyone interested in reading it may contact her.

7. Senator Quirk said the committee to study the part-time temporary faculty has been meeting and will have a report by the end of April.

CALENDAR

8. 472 Report from the Educational Policies Commission on inclement weather policy.

Crownfield/Peterson moved to docket in regular order.

The Chair said the Senate has no jurisdiction over P & S and Merit staff.

Senator Crownfield said the Senate was concerned with classes but if the item was docketed he would like the following amendment added.

Motion passed to docket in regular order. Docket 409.

Crownfield/Quirk moved to add the following amendment to Calender item 472.

The Senate recommends to the appropriate administrative authority that the university's inclement weather policy be modified to embody the following principle:

When appropriate public authority advises that, because of inclement weather, everyone who can do so should remain indoors, or stay off the roads and highways, university operations will be suspended.

Motion passed.

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

9. The Chair asked if there were any changes or recommendations for the instrument to be used to evaluate the President.

Senator Waack asked that on page 1, item 9, the word "as" be inserted after "such" and before "academic freedom."

Senator Crownfield expressed concern over the document in the absence of some accountability for evaluation.

Senator Quirk said he had worked on the document and he shared Crownfield's concern but could find no satisfactory way around the problem.

It was agreed the Chair will distribute the instrument to the Faculty in April.

10. The Chair recommended Myra Boots serve as a delegate to the national conference on Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education.

The Senate approved the recommendation.

11. Crownfield moved and it was seconded the Chair request from the Library and the College Senates at least two nominations to serve on a Self-study Steering Committee to prepare for the 1990 visit by North Central.

Motion passed.

#### DOCKET

12. 471 408 Request from the School of Business to change the name of the School of Business to the College of Business Administration.

McCormick\Quirk moved to approve the motion.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Engen

Secretary pro tem

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the secretary of the Senate within two weeks of this date, Wednesday, February 22, 1989.



**University of Northern Iowa****University Faculty and University Faculty Senate**

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**TO: Members of the Faculty Senate****FROM: Marian Krogmann, Chair****DATE: February 7, 1989**

The interpretation of the Faculty Constitution's provision on the voting faculty has become an issue. According to the Faculty Constitution, "The voting faculty shall consist of all those who are appointed to one of the four academic ranks--instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, or full professor--and who hold a probationary or tenured appointment." Should individuals who are on phased retirement, disability, paid leave, and unpaid leave be counted as voting faculty?

The interpretation is important in determining a quorum for University Faculty meetings and also the representation on the Faculty Senate. Apparently, in the past, Chairs of the University Faculty have had the Office of Academic Affairs exclude faculty members who are not on campus teaching or "administering." However, Jim Kelly, who chaired a committee that heard appeals from faculty members when the new constitution was accepted, told me that individuals who were on phased retirement, disability, paid leave, and unpaid leave were counted as voting faculty.

I don't think that the Constitution has to be formally amended; however, I think that it would be wise for the Faculty Senate to approve an interpretation of the Constitutional provision. We could appoint a committee to study the matter or make the decision at a Senate meeting. I will bring the issue up under New/Old Business.

Last year the College of Humanities and Fine Arts lost a seat on the Senate when the number of voting faculty dropped below 150 by a relatively small number; this year the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences may drop below 75 (a deficit of two).

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APPENDIX B

Re: Senate Calendar #472 Report from the EPC on Inclement Weather Policy

13 February 1989

I offer the following motion to be appended to Calendar #472/Docket # 489, and distributed to the faculty through the minutes in advance of consideration of that item.

The Senate recommends to the appropriate administrative authority that the University's inclement weather policy be modified to embody the following principle:

When appropriate public authority advises that, because of inclement weather, everyone who can do so should remain indoors, or stay off the roads and highways, University operations will be suspended.

Submitted by David Crownfield